

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Parker Ramsay upon winning the Elementary Division Music Composition State Competition.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary young people who have distinguished themselves as gifted scholars and upstanding citizens at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Parker Ramsey is one such gifted young person who recently won the Elementary Division Music Composition State Competition for the State of Tennessee, awarded by the Music Teachers National Association; and

WHEREAS, The son of Carol McClure and Wes Ramsay, Parker is an eleven-year old Dickson County native who has been an active participant in the music education program at the prestigious Renaissance Center; and

WHEREAS, This remarkably gifted young man won the coveted award for his composition, *A Baroque Sketchbook*, a nine-and-one-half minute work for solo harpsichord; and

WHEREAS, A home-schooled student registered through the Franklin Classical School, Parker completed the four-movement work as part of his home studies under the supervision of his mother, who serves with probity as the director of The Harp School, Inc., and as an adjunct

music teacher at The Renaissance Center; he studies piano with Deborah Fields at The Center and studies theory at the Judson School in Nashville under the guidance of his father; and

WHEREAS, Parker expressed his heartfelt thanks to Renaissance Center Executive Director and State Senator Doug Jackson, along with others affiliated with The Center in stating, "The Renaissance Center is a big part of my education, not only in the classes I take, but in the encouragement I get from the people who work here."; and

WHEREAS, He also contributes his vast musical talents by singing in the Renaissance Center Children's Choir and performing with The Center's Harp Ensemble; he is tutored privately in Harpsichord and Voice in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Elaine Sherrill, Director of Music for The Renaissance Center, was highly complimentary of Parker in stating he is "such a talented, diverse, and well-mannered young man...He is helping set the standards for other students, showing them what could possibly be achieved through their diligent work and involvement in the programs here."; and

WHEREAS, Parker's family is quite understandably proud of this exceptional young man and his impressive accomplishments across several disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Our young people today face many obstacles and challenges, yet we can proudly state, without equivocation, that Parker Ramsey exemplifies all that is good, moral, and virtuous in our society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Parker Ramsey on his winning the Elementary Division Music Composition State Competition, and salute his remarkable success in the realm of music.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we commend Parker upon the fine example he has set for his peers and wish him all the best in what we are confident will be a bright future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.